

WAITE ATTEMPTED TO KILL WIFE

Sprayed Her With Anthrax and Typhus Germs, Family Doctor Says.

BLOOD TEST REVEALS IT

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 18.—Although it has been known that Dr. Arthur Waite contemplated taking the life of his wife after disposing of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Peck, it was positively asserted to-day that he had actually made one attempt to do away with her. The information was furnished to Assistant District Attorney Mancuso of New York here to-day by Dr. Perry Schurtz, the Peck family physician, who conducted the first autopsy on the body of Mr. Peck.

Dr. Schurtz asserted that Waite inoculated his wife with anthrax and typhus germs through the medium of an atomizer. Only the fact that she possessed excellent physical stamina and that the cultures were partly decomposed saved her life.

It was several days after the exposure of Dr. Waite's activities as a poisoner that Dr. Schurtz became alarmed at Mrs. Waite's condition. He had attributed her condition largely to her mental state resulting from grief and the shock of the revelations and he did not give the matter serious thought until about a week ago. Then, suspecting that Dr. Waite might have attempted to do away with her, he obtained a quantity of her blood and subjected it to a severe analysis. He discovered the presence of numerous anthrax and typhus germs, although not in large enough quantities to do any material harm.

Subjecting Mrs. Waite to a severe questioning and learned the facts which he told Mr. Mancuso to-day.

"Several weeks before John E. Peck was murdered," Dr. Schurtz said, "Dr. Waite took two atomizers home. One placed one in the refrigerator and one placed one in the window of the room he occupied with his wife. The atomizers contained anthrax and typhus germs. He then began warning both Mr. Peck and Mrs. Waite that they were in constant danger of contracting severe cold because of the unusual weather at that time of year in New York. He said they should take every precaution to protect themselves and he suggested that he be allowed to spray their throats with a special preparation he had made which practically guaranteed immunity.

"Both Mr. Peck and Mrs. Waite acquiesced and Dr. Waite gave them the treatment. He bacteria did not have the rapid effect that he wished, so he resorted to the arsenic in murdering Mr. Peck. All the time, however, each night before his wife retired he sprayed her nostrils and throat from the atomizer. Her physical condition was such that she was able to ward off the attack of the bacteria and this, coupled with the fact that many of the germs died through inefficient treatment, saved her life. If the cultures had worked properly, I believe that both Mr. Peck and Mrs. Waite would have succumbed about the same time."

WAITE CALLED SANE.

Allegations Have Another Session

With the Confessed Poisoner. Alenists who have examined Dr. Waite for District Attorney Swann reported yesterday that in their opinion he is sane, although a moral degenerate. The Alenists had two hours session with prisoner in the District Attorney's office, after which a preliminary report was made. Another examination will probably be held within a few days. The doctors were William Mabon, Smith Ely Jelliffe and Menas S. Gregory.

Dr. Waite was brought over from the Tombs shortly after midnight by Detectives Cunniff and Gallagher. He complained that he was being taken out during the exercise hour and would lose the benefit of his daily exercise. In consequence, after he had been examined by the Alenists, he was given an airing by the detectives, being permitted to walk down the street with a woman and back to the Tombs through Centre street. He was not recognized on this walk.

As he came out of the front entrance to the Tombs he saw a man cranking an automobile. In the tonneau of the car sat a well-dressed woman. He glanced longingly at the car and the woman and said: "That wife of mine, memories to me of many happy days."

The Alenists have had four sessions with Dr. Waite, and another will probably be held. Dr. Karas, who has been engaged by the defense, was not present when the examination took place yesterday, nor was Waite's counsel, Walter R. Doual.

Judge Swann said concerning Waite that the inquiry had developed the fact that he was a thief as well as a murderer, as he had stolen property from everybody with whom he had come in contact.

Assistant District Attorney Dooley said yesterday that much information that Waite had attempted to kill his wife had been given the prosecutor.

"It will all probably come out later," said he. "I have no doubt from my examination into the case that had Waite not been caught his wife would have died as did her mother and father."

BOY'S THEFT STORY FALSE.

Cashed Employer's Checks and Invented Tale of Deceit.

Harry Charlup, nineteen-year-old messenger boy employed by Max Lattava, manufacturer of hats and shoes at 2 East Forty-seventh street, who told a wild story Monday afternoon about having been attacked by two men at Forty-second street and robbed, was arrested yesterday on a charge of grand larceny and held in \$1,000 bail for trial by Magistrate McGuire in Yorkville court.

His taxi ride is supposed to have carried him to Belmont Manor, where he sought Chief of Police Marks and told him of the robbery. Marks communicated with the New York detective bureau and Detective Murphy was sent to investigate. He became convinced that the young man's story was not true and after a severe examination Charlup is alleged to have confessed to theft and having invented the holdup story to exonerate himself.

According to Murphy, Charlup said that on Monday checks to the amount of \$24.75 were given him to be cashed at the Lincoln National Bank. He also had a check for \$477 and one for \$350. Detective Murphy said that Charlup told him that he had cashed the checks at the Lincoln National Bank and had gone to his home, 67 East 118th street, and then had taken the train for Belmont Manor. There he had thrown himself down in a likely spot to give himself a disheveled appearance. Then he went to the chief of police with the story of drugs and the taxi ride.

CALLS BIDDINGER CHARGES PLOT OF ALLEGED BRIBER

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originally to ascertain who was back of the commission's refusal to approve the raise. Then he was asked to do certain other things, which he refused to do. When the scandal developed he was called as a witness and gave his testimony under oath. The indictments followed.

"It is expected that the United States Supreme Court will hand down a decision today or tomorrow on the writ of error issued. As the State of West Virginia has confidence that its position is legal, preparations have been made for a speedy trial of the case. Biddinger is the vital witness in the case. Without him the prosecution must fail to establish its side of the case.

Not Protecting Biddinger.

"Biddinger has no fear of those charges in Chicago. As a matter of fact, we are not fighting now to have him escape trial there ultimately. The position we take is that if he does go now there is every likelihood that he will not be able to go to Charleston, W. Va., as a witness. The already known fact that he might be raised. Even then there is no reason to suppose that may end it. He may be sued for damages and compelled to put on heavy bail. Other charges might be made against him until inevitably he must go to prison, where no request of Gov. Hatfield, no desire on his part will be of the least avail.

"Take these charges themselves. There are fifty-one of them, the oldest nearly eleven years old and the youngest about seven old. They are felonies and misdemeanors.

"The statute of limitations prescribes eighteen months for misdemeanors, after which time there can be no prosecution. Another thing, every one knows that during 1912-1914 a thorough investigation was conducted into the acts of Chicago policemen. Many men went to jail during that time. Let it be said here that all that investigation, conducted with the fullest powers and absolutely ruthless in its work, failed to raise anything against our client. He has left it to service; he was engaged in other business when his work had been most meritorious.

"Now individuals come forward and say that back in 1905 and thereabouts a few men were going about and taking a few dollars here and a few dollars there. Why, this man's friends have known in the McManera case he was offered a cool \$50,000 to lay down on the prosecution and he declined it. A man like that does not go around taking \$20."

Mr. H. Grossman, of counsel for Biddinger, who will argue the habeas corpus proceedings on Friday, when asked about the application to Gov. Hatfield to revoke his warrant and to suspend its operation, said: "Naturally such an application will be made. Any assertions that the extraditing of Biddinger would defeat the ends of justice in West Virginia could not be considered in the Supreme Court, which will pass only on the papers. Undoubtedly we will endeavor to get the facts as they are before the Governor, who has full power in the matter."

Mr. Weil at the Baltimore last night very promptly answered Dr. Townsend's statement. He admitted that he had conducted the Chicago investigation, but only to obtain the evidence necessary to impeach the detective if he appeared in a West Virginia court. He turned his evidence over to the Citizens Association and the action in court followed.

Well Accuses Biddinger.

"I have been shown the statement of T. C. Townsend, prosecuting attorney of Kanawha county," said Mr. Weil, "and in reply to this attack upon me I want to say: Guy Biddinger was sent to me by the W. J. Burns National Detective Agency to run up a detectivephone to overhear certain stories that had previously been told to Gen. Elliott of West Virginia, two of the Public Service Commissioners as to the Governor and which I wanted corroborated so as to introduce the same in a case pending in the United States Court.

"I did not know Biddinger prior to that time. He instructed Gen. Elliott to offer in my name to pay these commissioners the same salaries for the balance of the year. He went on the stand and told the truth about such interference and on that account were removed from office.

"Accordingly, these offers were made and taken down on the detectivephone. When shown to me I indignantly demanded by whose authority such offers were made and when Biddinger admitted that they were made by his authority I upbraided him for his unauthorized action. He pleaded his misunderstanding. I afterward learned that he was in consultation with the Governor and Mr. Townsend in relation to my efforts to get this evidence.

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but that on the contrary I had stated to him that under no circumstances would I consent to any offer being made.

"As this man Biddinger was the only witness against me I started an investigation to gather evidence with which to impeach him as a witness if he repeated the false testimony he had given to the Grand Jury.

"In this investigation I ran into a mass of evidence, which, if true, showed that Biddinger, when he was on the police force in Chicago, was a past master in graft. I obtained between twenty and thirty affidavits of his operations in this line. Having been active for years in organizations in my own city that were seeking to rid the city of grafters Mr. grafting, and having in consequence come in touch with like organizations in Chicago and other cities, I laid the evidence I obtained before Shelby M. Stratton, secretary of the Citizens Association in Chicago, and before the State's Attorney of Cook county, with the result that fifty-two complaints were made before the Judge of the Municipal Court and bail in \$50,000 was demanded. Extradition proceedings were begun to bring Biddinger back to Chicago for trial.

"If my activities will have succeeded in bringing this man to justice for criminal conduct in the past and protecting the public from a continuance of like conduct in the future I feel that I will have performed a service for which I need make no apologies.

"If this is, as Mr. Townsend charges in his statement to the public given to the press to-night, 'A Leo Wall against Biddinger' and 'Well preparing his defense in advance,' then so be it; let him make the most of it.

Well Charges 'Framing.'

"But what is the cause of Mr. Townsend's 'heat'? Why is he so officious in running to the defense of Biddinger when, as he says, he knows nothing about the merits of the charges pending in Chicago against Biddinger? I have charged in open court—in the District Court of the United States, which was made part of the record—that these charges against me were framed up by Townsend and Biddinger. Is Townsend coming to the defense of his pal? Mr. Townsend need not invoke the shades of Lefty Louie and others of that sort. He can remain nearer home in the fastnesses of West Virginia and find laws more despicable and with whom he is better acquainted. All of the Apaches are not in Chicago and New York, and all are not out of office."

Mr. Weil has had a distinguished career as a lawyer in Pittsburgh and as a leader in municipal activities of a reform nature. He is president of the Voters' League and has personal charge of an investigation which exposed corruption in high officials. He has assisted in investigations in other cities and is a member of many national associations engaged in civic and philanthropic work.

Dinner for Woods Planned.

A dinner for Police Commissioner Arthur Woods to be given by 400 merchants of the East side will be held on April 27, was decided on at a meeting of merchants held yesterday afternoon in the chambers of Judge Aaron J. Levy at the Madison Street Municipal Court, who has agreed to act as hostmaster. Among those who will be invited are President Wilson, Gov. Whitman, District Attorney Swann, Sheriff Smith, Borough President Marks, Judge Rosalsky, Mayor Mitchell and others.

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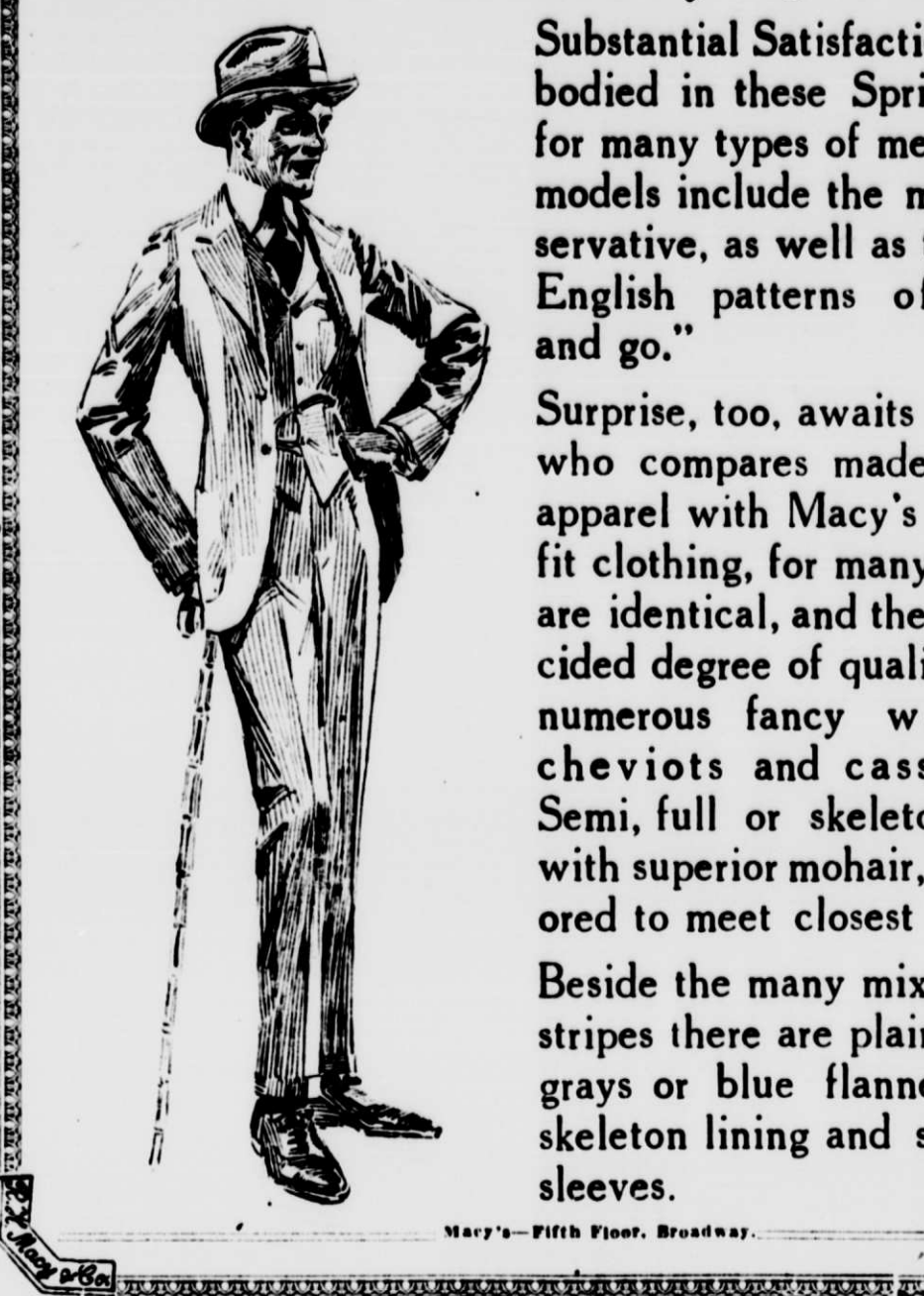
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